

## GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

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## **Kevin Kelly Named Water Resources Division Director at GEFA**

ATLANTA – Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Executive Director Kevin Clark announced today that Kevin Kelly has been selected as Water Resources Division director. He will replace Beverly McElroy, current director for the Water Resources Division, who is retiring.

"Under Beverly's leadership, the Water Resources Division has helped hundreds of communities throughout Georgia finance drinking water and water quality projects. She has also excelled in mentoring her staff," said Clark. "As a result, we are pleased to have Kevin as our new Water Resources Division director. The Water Resources Division staff and the customers they serve will benefit greatly from Kevin's knowledge and expertise."

Kelly served as senior program manager for the Water Resources Division before being selected as director. In this role, he managed GEFA's water supply program, coordinated funding for the implementation of Georgia's Comprehensive State Water Plan and directed the federal State Revolving Fund (SRF) water infrastructure loan program. Kelly also facilitated GEFA's leadership role with the Governor's Water Supply Program. He also acted as deputy director for GEFA's Energy Resources Division, where he facilitated state energy planning, energy procurement and management in state facilitates, and energy data analysis.

Before coming to GEFA, Kelly worked for the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, where he served as a policy and planning advisor on energy issues. Prior to this position, he was program director and program officer for energy and transportation with the Turner Foundation.

Originally from New York, Kelly earned his bachelor's degree from Earlham College in Richmond, Ind. He and his wife Jessica reside in Decatur with their two children.

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